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Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, and Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

AN ACT

To improve the administration of programs in the insular areas, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Insular Areas Act of
3 2011”.

4 **SEC. 2. CONTINUED MONITORING ON RUNIT ISLAND.**

5 Section 103(f)(1) of the Compact of Free Association
6 Amendments Act of 2003 (48 U.S.C. 1921b(f)(1)) is
7 amended—

8 (1) by striking “Notwithstanding” and insert-
9 ing the following:

10 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding”;

11 and

12 (2) by adding at the end the following:

13 “(B) CONTINUED MONITORING ON RUNIT
14 ISLAND.—

15 “(i) CACTUS CRATER CONTAINMENT
16 AND GROUNDWATER MONITORING.—Effec-
17 tive beginning January 1, 2012, the Sec-
18 retary of Energy shall, as a part of the
19 Marshall Islands program conducted under
20 subparagraph (A), periodically (but not
21 less frequently than every 4 years) con-
22 duct—

23 “(I) a visual study of the con-
24 crete exterior of the Cactus Crater
25 containment structure on Runit Is-
26 land; and

1 “(II) a radiochemical analysis of
2 the groundwater surrounding and in
3 the Cactus Crater containment struc-
4 ture on Runit Island.

5 “(ii) REPORT.—The Secretary shall
6 submit to the Committee on Energy and
7 Natural Resources of the Senate, and the
8 Committee on Natural Resources of the
9 House of Representatives, a report that
10 contains—

11 “(I) a description of—

12 “(aa) the results of each vis-
13 ual survey conducted under
14 clause (i)(I); and

15 “(bb) the results of the
16 radiochemical analysis conducted
17 under clause (i)(II); and

18 “(II) a determination on whether
19 the surveys and analyses indicate any
20 significant change in the health risks
21 to the people of Enewetak from the
22 contaminants within the Cactus Cra-
23 ter containment structure.

24 “(iii) FUNDING FOR GROUNDWATER
25 MONITORING.—The Secretary of the Inte-

rior shall make available to the Department of Energy, Marshall Islands Program, from funds available for the Technical Assistance Program of the Office of Insular Affairs, the amounts necessary to conduct the radiochemical analysis of groundwater under clause(i)(II).”.

SEC. 3. CLARIFYING THE TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT OF JUDGES TO COURTS OF THE FREELY ASSOCIATED STATES.

Section 297(a) of title 28, United States Code, is amended by striking “circuit or district judge” and inserting “circuit, district, magistrate, or territorial judge of a court”.

SEC. 4. DELAY OF SCHEDULED MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE IN AMERICAN SAMOA.

(a) DELAYED INCREASE PENDING GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE REPORT.—Section 8103(b)(2)(C) of the Fair Minimum Wage Act of 2007 (29 U.S.C. 206 note; Public Law 110–28) is amended—

(1) by striking “each year thereafter until” and inserting “on September 30 of every third year thereafter until”; and

(2) by striking “except that” and all that follows through “September 30” and inserting “except

1 that there shall be no such increase in 2012, 2013,
2 and 2014 pending the triennial report required
3 under section 8104(a)”.

4 (b) TRIENNIAL GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OF-
5 FICE REPORT.—Section 8104(a) of the Fair Minimum
6 Wage Act of 2007 (29 U.S.C. 206 note; Public Law 110–
7 28) is amended by striking “April 1, 2013, and every 2
8 years” and inserting “April 1, 2014, and every 3 years”.

Passed the Senate December 16, 2011.

Attest:

NANCY ERICKSON,
Secretary.